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HIDING IN TRUNK IS BERT ROBERTS

Youth Who Escaped From Police in Louisville

Caught By Detectives and Patrolmen By Merest Accident at Sister's Home.

CLEVER BOY BURGLAR'S END

Secreted in a trunk, Bert Roberts, 16 years old, the confessed house breaker, who escaped from the police in Louisville, and walked in and out of police headquarters in Paducah without molestation, was found this morning by Patrolmen Dick Wood, William Moore and Detectives Moore and Baker at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Hart, on Harrison street between Third and Fourth streets. The search for young Roberts has been exhaustive, and once the detectives had him within their grasp when he escaped through Detective T. J. Moore's arms in his night clothes. He will be taken to the reform school at once.

Bert Roberts is, perhaps, the toughest of Paducah's young criminals. Several years ago he first made his appearance as a criminal by holding up a man on the Rowlandtown road with a rifle. His next ventures were petty thefts and he landed in the reform school with a three year term. He had been in four months when he escaped. Returning to Paducah the boy was not molested, the police believing that he had reformed, when several house breaking cases were reported, and Roberts proved to be the leader of the band of juvenile criminals responsible for them.

A confession was secured by Patrolmen Clark and Sanders and Special Officer Patillo Kirk, of the Illinois Central. County Judge R. T. Lightfoot sentenced Roberts to 5 years and the others 3 years in the reformatory. Detectives Moore and Baker with Police Lieut. Tom Potter started with the boys and at Louisville Roberts made a successful dash for liberty, returning home before the policemen arrived. Since then a lively chase had been made for the fugitive.

Sunday night at 12 o'clock the detectives got on a Cairo freight train and rode to the Cokankus Manufacturing company, thinking Roberts would take the train and escape to Illinois. He did not, and in the meantime Patrolmen Wood and Orr had secured a tip that the boy was at his sister's house. They went at 2 o'clock to her home and were readily admitted. No trace of the boy could be found and the party was in the act of leaving when the trays of a trunk were seen under the bed. This gave them a clue and going to a large trunk they lifted the top.

Roberts was inside and seeing that escape was impossible he dressed and went with the policemen to jail. They will take no chances with him again, and will put the handcuffs on him when taken to Lexington to the reformatory.

BIG SHOW BOAT

Is Being Built by Mr. Gent Ready for Season.

A barge 70 by 30 feet is being fitted out by the senior member of the firm of Gent & Elliott into a show boat and he will finish it before the season opens if possible. He has finished repairs to his towboat and has accommodations on the latter for the full crew and 12 members of the show company. He will start the first "floating palace" ever built in Paducah and claiming Paducah its home.

QUINCY WALLACE GOES TO MEMPHIS TONIGHT.

Mr. Quincy Wallace, secretary of the joint protective board of the brotherhood of railway carmen, will leave tonight for Memphis to attend the annual meeting of the board to outline a scale to be presented to higher officials in the spring. Mrs. Wallace will accompany him.

A TRAP OR INCUBATOR? RATS BORN TO THEIR DOOM.

Mr. M. G. Sale, of 408 South Fifth street, bought a patent wire rat trap last week to set in his yard and Sunday morning was surprised to find twenty rats in it. A mother had given birth to 19 children in the trap.

WHOLE FAMILY DEAD.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 11.—Will Ryan, a child aged four months, was found asphyxiated in bed today by police. Neighbors noticed the blinds were down and notified the police. Entering the house they found the entire family dead. The mother was clinging to the baby in arms.

Boy Assassins.

Chattanooga, Feb. 11.—Fred Mills and Gordon Orrell, 15 years old, were arrested on the charge of assassinating Walter Ellis, 27 years old, at Mountain Junction. It is said liquor was at the bottom of the crime which followed a friendly wrestle between Orrell and Ellis in which Ellis was thrown. It is claimed Mills fired the fatal shot.

DAMAGE GREAT.

London, Ky., Feb. 11.—Developments today show the damage done by the explosion in the chemical research department of the Woolrich arsenal was much greater than at first supposed. Houses for miles around were shaken. Every window in town was broken and the entire population thrown into a panic. The damage to the laboratory is fully \$100,000.

LURID DISPATCH.

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—President Leitmoe, of the Japanese exclusion league, sent a lurid dispatch to Mayor Schmitz at Washington, saying: "The league demands exclusion by act of congress, not by treaty, and will not yield an iota of our rights as a sovereign people, regardless of the cost and consequence. California is a white man's country and no Caucasian grave yard."

BUY FOUR PERCENTS.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw today announced he would buy \$25,000,000 worth short four per cent. bonds at 101 1/4.

ROB MESSENGER.

Moscow, Feb. 11.—A messenger while on his way to the bank today was held up by ten armed men and robbed of \$25,000. The highwaymen in their flight dropped a bag containing \$3,500, but got away with the balance.

TUGMEN STRIKE.

New York, Feb. 11.—The tugmen's strike in the New York harbor seems certain. Union officials assert the strike will soon result in a coal famine in New York. The men add that they are well prepared financially for a long period of idleness.

GRAIN MARKET.

Cincinnati, Feb. 11.—Wheat, 79; corn, 47 1/2; oats, 43.

INQUIRY IS MADE OF ALBERT DOYLE

In an inquiry from a woman at Youngstown, O., concerning the whereabouts of her brother, Albert L. Doyle, is found the first clue to the identity of the stranger murdered and burned in the fire at Mayfield a week ago. The woman said her brother left home a few days before the murder. There have been no further developments in the case. Governor Beckham has offered a reward of \$250 for the apprehension of the guilty parties. It is understood that Paducah detectives may go to Mayfield and work on the case.

Schmitz Is Sanguine.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco, announces that the Japanese school question is in a fair way for satisfactory settlement. Authority that cannot be quoted, however, intimates that the whole thing is again in the air.

A laboring man in Mexico thinks he is entitled to 131 holidays out of 365 days of the year.

There is only one kind of a newspaper circulation statement that is worth any consideration and that is the daily detailed statement. The Sun is the only Paducah paper printing such a statement.

EMPLOY LAWYERS IN POLICE CASE

To Test Validity of Charter Tinkering

Members of General Council Will Have Advocate in Court of Appeals.

COMMISSIONERS MAY FOLLOW

Lively litigation bids fair to succeed the "friendly suit" instituted at the behest of the general council by the city solicitor to determine the constitutionality of the charter amendment, fixing the minimum police force for Paducah at 30 men. As soon as Judge Reed, ordered a judgment drawn, upholding the constitutionality of the amendment, City Solicitor Campbell, was notified that Wheeler, Hughes & Berry had been employed in the case, and the understanding received by the solicitor was that the firm is employed to contest the constitutionality of the provision.

Solicitor Campbell then notified the police commissioners, so that they may go ahead and fight the case, if they wish, and the matter will come up at their meeting tonight.

This action probably will delay the ultimate decision of the case.

"The record has not yet been made up," said Mr. Campbell, "but as soon as it is I shall go to Frankfort and endeavor to get the case advanced on the docket. However, if the case becomes encumbered with a heavy record, I doubt if I succeed. One of the first things asked when a lawyer wishes to advance a case, is whether the record is voluminous. I shall submit a brief. I presume Wheeler, Hughes & Berry will, and if the police commissioners employ an attorney, there will be three briefs."

It is stated that the reason Wheeler, Hughes & Berry were employed, was that some Republican members of the general council are so thoroughly convinced, after securing legal advice on the subject, that the case can be won, their position sustained and the public treasury saved a few thousand dollars annually, that they desire to have an advocate to present their side of the contention as forcibly as possible to the court of appeals.

Money is provided to pay the police during the pendency of the suit, so no damages will be occasioned by the litigation.

SUN SPOTS VISIBLE.

Smoked Glass All That Is Needed to Witness Phenomena.

If the sun shines on tomorrow, smoke a piece of glass, look at the sun through it, and you will discern two spots on that great luminary—an indication that unusual disturbances are taking place on the burning ball. Spots on the sun, seen through telescopes, are not, infrequently, but when they are large enough to be seen by the naked eye, through a smoked glass, it is an extraordinary occurrence.

They were first discovered early Saturday, just after the sun broke through the heavy, smoke-laden clouds that hovered over the city, and could be seen distinctly through the smoked glass. They may be seen at any time of the day.

The spots are now east of the center and will move slowly across to the western edge and will disappear within six or eight days.

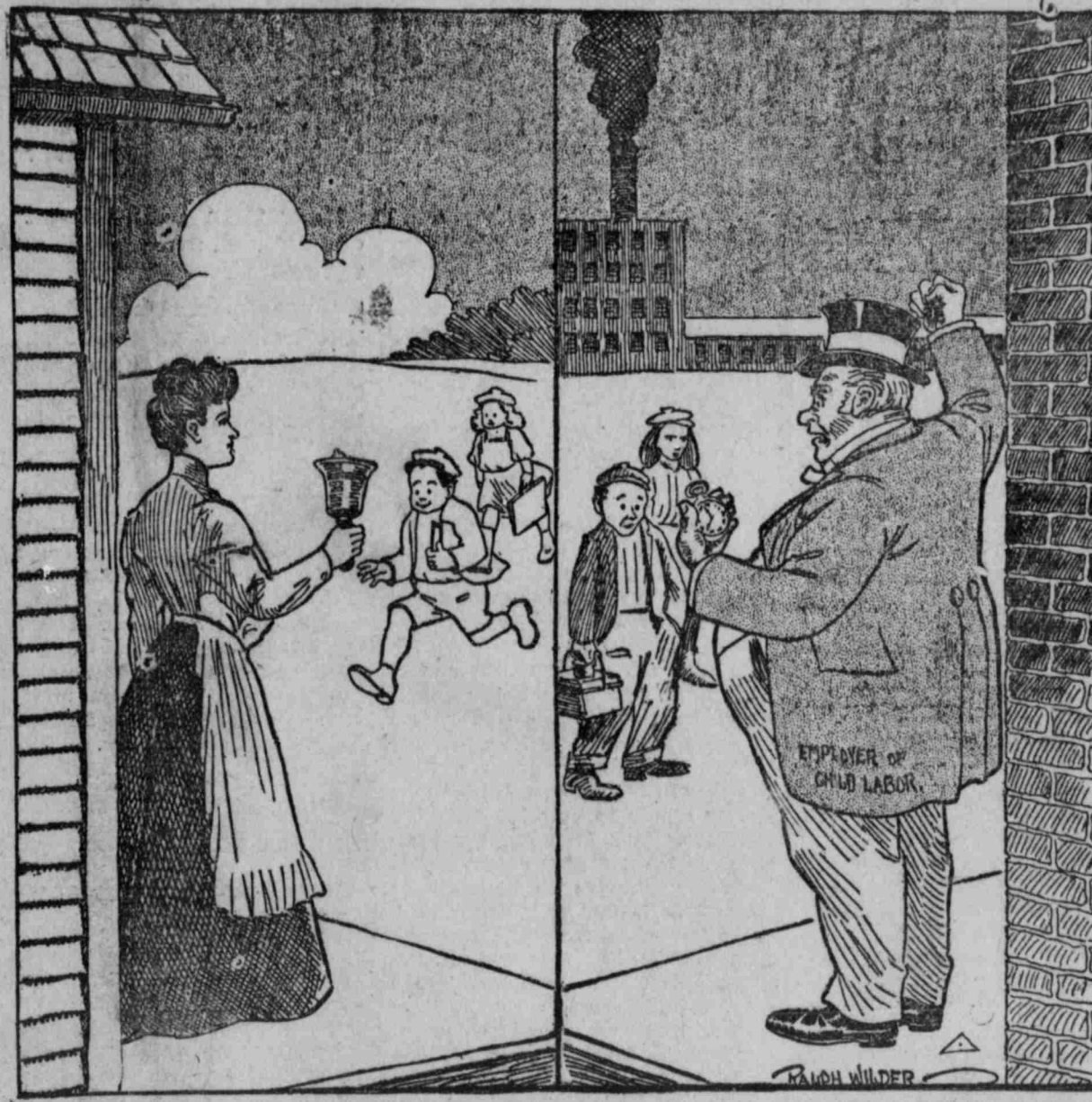
INTERESTING REVIVAL ON AT MECHANICSBURG CHURCH.

A revival was begun yesterday at the Mechanicsburg M. B. church that promises to be one of much interest. The Rev. C. P. Adams, of Bowling Green, is assisting the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Perryman, and preached yesterday at both the morning and evening hour. He is an eloquent speaker and held the interest of the large crowd who heard him yesterday. There will be services all the week at 3 and 7:30 p. m.

Engine Loses Whistle.

Engine, No. 1329, was run under the coal hoist in the local Illinois Central yards yesterday for a coal hoist. The hoist was accidentally dropped too soon and carried off the whistle and part of the cab. The engine will be out of commission a day or two.

WHICH TURNS OUT THE BETTER PRODUCT—



GUNBOAT PADUCAH MAY COME UP THE RIVER FROM NEW ORLEANS, HER PRESENT STATION, AFTER THE MARDI GRAS

Mobile Feb. 11.—The United States gunboat, Paducah, arrived last night to take part in the Mardi Gras celebration.

It is probable that the city

will communicate with the war department and endeavor to induce the secretary to permit the Paducah to come up the river to this port and receive the silver service, which will be purchased for her. This is the

first time the busy little craft has been off serious duty for several months, having participated in the events around Santo Domingo and other islands during the revolutions there.

EIGHTY COVERS AT BIG BANQUET

Paducah Business Men Will Give Spread For Chicago Hotel Men at Palmer House February 20.

WILL BE AN ELEGANT AFFAIR.

Wednesday night, February 20, has been selected as the date for the banquet to be given by Paducah business men to Mr. John C. Roth, and Judge Laughlin, of Chicago and resident directors of the Palmer house, in the Palmer house banquet hall. The affair will be the finest banquet ever given in western Kentucky. There will be 80 plates and the foremost business men of Paducah have signified their intention to participate. The Palmer house in the expenditure of upward of \$100,000 has patronized almost exclusively Paducah firms, and it is in the way of a testimonial of the appreciation such local spirit deserves that the banquet is being given. The magnificent dining room was opened this morning and the hotel is now on the European plan.

ROBBER KILLS WOMAN ON STREETS OF MEMPHIS.

Memphis, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Mercedes Donovan, aged 27, wife of Lieut. Eugene V. Donovan of the fire department, was murdered and robbed by an unknown man on Commerce avenue, near Third, at 9:20 o'clock Saturday night.

Some of the witnesses declare that the man was a white man, while others state he was a negro.

The man struck Mrs. Donovan in the back of the head, between the ears and at the base of the brain, breaking her neck.

She died shortly after being taken to her home, 203 Commerce avenue. Mrs. Donovan was accompanied by her little three-year-old daughter, Florina Donovan, and her small brother, Frankie Able, aged 11, and her sister, Jeanette Able, aged 9.

FILES SOUTH DAKOTA CHARGES.

Senate Investigating Committee Accuses Governor Herreid.

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 11.—The committee to investigate statements against certain state officers reported to the senate today, charging ex-Governor Herreid with drawing large sums of money as contingent funds without authority of law. The committee also charges the state railway commission with the payment of money to an attorney in violation of the constitution and to a warehouse inspector in violation of law.

WAUKEGAN WOMAN OF 105 DIES

More Than Half a Century as Resident of North Shore Town.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Patrick Glinley, 105 years old, died in Waukegan yesterday. Her great age has been verified by the parish records of her birthplace in Ireland. She had enjoyed good health all her life, and had been a resident of Waukegan more than half a century. She spoke the pure Gaelic language.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES MUST BE MOVED OUT OF CITY.

At the meeting of the board of health tonight the question of allowing slaughter houses within the city limits will be discussed further. There seems no slackening in the board's purpose to order all slaughter houses outside the city limits. It will be ascertained how far the order has been complied with by the butchers.

Iron and Steel Exportations.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The exportation of iron and steel manufactures reached their highest record during the past year, according to figures compiled by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. The total of these products exported in the calendar year 1906 aggregated \$172,500,000, an increase of \$30,000,000 over the preceding year.

After a Stallion.

Messrs. George Goodman and R. B. Phillips went to Lexington today to meet Scott Ishel and negotiate for a fine stallion. They will pay as high as \$3,600 for one. It is to be the property of the County club.

NOTE PRODUCED AND IDENTIFIED

Mrs. Thaw Wrote it to Husband in Cafe Martin

"That B— Was Here a Moment Ago and Went Out Again"—It Referred to White.

WILL IS PASSED AT PRESENT

New York, Feb. 11.—When the Thaw trial opened today an effort was made to introduce the will of Harry Thaw in evidence. After a long wrangle between Jerome and Delmas and the examination of J. D. Lyons, vice president of the Union National bank of Pittsburg, who had the sealed will in his possession for some time it was laid aside temporarily on objection by Jerome.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was then recalled. Delmas asked Jerome to produce the note written by Mrs. Thaw to her husband in the Cafe Martin the night of the tragedy. She identified the note and said she wrote it. Delmas read the note. It said: "Tae B— was here a moment ago and went out again."

Witness said "B—" referred to Stanford White.

Delmas then asked witness if she had ever heard Thaw speak of any threat made against his life by White.

Jerome objected and was sustained on the ground that the question did not bear on the insanity defense, but with the plea of self-defense which has not yet been established by Thaw's attorneys.

Balked at every turn by the clever tactics and sustained objections of District Attorney Jerome the defense in the Thaw trial was today forced to cry for quarter and seek adjournment until Delmas could marshal his badly scattered forces.

After ruling out the will, temporarily, Mrs. Evelyn Thaw was recalled. The defense attempted to switch the evidence along the plea of self-defense. Jerome objected on the ground that no basis was offered for this and he was sustained. All leading questions were objected to and nothing of importance was accomplished when court recessed.

Thaw Will Take Stand.

Harry K. Thaw will take the witness stand to deliver the final blow in his defense for the killing of Architect Stanford White. Judge Delphin Delmas, chief counsel for Thaw, decided that the millionaire defendant should become a witness and corroborate the testimony given by his chorus girl wife.

TWO NEW BATTLESHIPS READY FOR DELIVERY

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—The navy department is informed by the Newport News Shipbuilding company that the first-class 16,000-ton battleship Minnesota is complete excepting a matter of ordnance equipment. The Fore River Shipbuilding company at Quincy, Mass., has arranged to deliver the battleship Vermont Monday next. Her first commander will be Capt. W. P. Potter, at present assistant chief of the bureau of navigation of the navy department.

STEALS HAY IN DAY TIME AND NO ONE BOTHERS HIM.

Residents of West Jefferson street report the newest thief on record. He is a negro who steals hay from lofts in broad daylight. He drives into alleys and takes hay from lofts. Cooks have seen him work but never once suspected that he was stealing, thinking he had been sent for the hay. In this way he has escaped molestation. Several barns have been pilfered of many tons of hay in this way.

Work on Poor House.

After a delay of two months from bad weather, work was resumed on the new county poor house this morning. The deep well has filled up with sand and it will require several days' pumping to empty it. Other work will make it the last of the week before the building will be ready for occupancy.

Broke Arm at School.

Elizabeth, the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. M. E. Ingram, of South Sixth street, fell off the banisters of the steps to the Jefferson school this morning shortly after 12 o'clock and broke her right arm. Drs. Hoyer and Bass set the fracture.

WEATHER—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, warmer in east portion tonight. Highest temperature yesterday, 50; lowest today, 32.